



Agenda Item II.

Meeting Summary of January 17, 2019 Meeting

Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council meeting April 9, 2019

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Alexis Podesta, Council Chair and Secretary of Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency calls the meeting to order at 1:00PM.

Council Members Present:

- Alexis Podesta, Council Chair and Secretary of the Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency
- Russell Atterberry, Vice Chair and Undersecretary of the Department of Veteran Affairs
- Amy Anderson, Executive Director, PATH Ventures
- Alexis Barries, Family Partner with Placement Services and Crisis Stabilization Response Team
- Gina Buccieri- Harrington, Assistant Director Grants Management, Victim Services Program, Governor's Office of Emergency Services
- Donald Cavier, Chief Deputy Director, California Housing Finance Agency
- Jody Ketcheside, Deputy Regional Director, Turning Point of Central California, Inc.
- Gary McCoy, Community Member and Congressional Aide, District Office of House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi
- Ben Metcalf, Director, Department of Housing and Community Development
- Emilio Ramirez, Deputy Director of Community and Economic Development for the City of Riverside
- Alicia Sutton, Chief of Housing, Homelessness and Civil Rights Branch, Department of Social Services
- Joseph Uchishiba, Police Officer, City of Fairfield
- Stephanie Welch, Executive Officer, Council on Criminal Justice and Behavioral Health, Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation

Absent:

- Laurie Berman, Director, Department of Transportation
- Marianne Cantwell, Chief Deputy Director of Health Care Programs, Department of Health Care Services
- Gail Gilman, Chief Executive Officer, Community Housing Partnership
- Jennifer Loving, Executive Director, Destination: Homes

Opening Remarks

Council Chair Podesta thanked the Council members and the public for their participation and extended a special thanks to the Department of Veteran Affairs for hosting the meeting. She announced two new Council members who have been appointed: Laurie Berman, Director of the Department of Transportation; and Alexis Barries, who is a college student and a Family Partner with Placement Services and Crisis Stabilization Response

Team in Santa Clara County, and a young adult with lived experience. Council Chair Podesta also introduced the new Council staff hired: Khalil Mohseni, Data Systems Development Project Manager.

Council Chair Podesta reported that all 11 Large Cities and 43 Continuums of Care submitted their Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP) applications by the December 31, 2018 deadline for Round 1. This means that all \$500 million in HEAP funds will be awarded in Round 1 and a second round of funding will not be needed.

Council Chair Podesta mentioned the new Budget presented by Governor Newsom, which includes major initiatives to address both homelessness and the housing crisis in California. She also acknowledged the acute homelessness challenges the recent fires in both northern and southern California have created for communities affected by the disasters. The Council is committed to working in partnership with federal agencies and other state departments to provide immediate and ongoing support to communities in fire-affected regions as they work to address the needs of their homeless residents.

I. Adoption of the meeting summary from October 9, 2018 Council meeting

The Council approved the previous [meeting summary](#) from the October 9, 2018 meeting.

There were no public comments.

II. Discussion and action on draft Council Governance Charter

Council Vice Chair Russell Atterberry presented the draft Governance Charter. The Charter reflects the legislative mandates in [SB 1380](#), [SB 850](#), and [SB 918](#) and lays out guidelines for Vice Chair elections, Council member responsibilities, working groups, and the ability to amend the Charter when necessary.

Council member Gary McCoy thanked the Governance Subcommittee for drafting a well-thought out Charter.

The Council approved the Governance Charter.

There were no public comments.

III. Election of 2019 Council Vice Chair

Council members that expressed interest in being elected for Vice Chair:

- Council member Gary McCoy
- Council member Alicia Sutton
- Council member Emilio Ramirez
- Council Vice Chair Russell Atterberry

The Council elected Council member Emilio Ramirez as the new Vice Council Chair for 2019. Chair Podesta thanked Russell Atterberry for his service as Vice Chair for 2018.

IV. Council Updates

Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP)

Ginny Puddefoot, Executive Officer of the Council, reported that all applications were submitted on time and no second round of funding will be needed. The cities and CoCs that have been awarded HEAP funds have committed to allocating these funds in the following major categories:

- 38% for services
- 34% for capital improvements
- 14% for rental assistance
- 7% for youth homelessness

- 4% for administrative costs
- 3% for other

California Homeless Data Integration System (CHDIS), including the Homeless Management Information Systems (HMIS)

The Council hired KC Mohseni as the new Project Manager for the California Homeless Data Integration System (CHDIS) project. A Request for Information (RFI) was released inviting vendors to provide their proposed solutions to meet the goals of a CHDIS and offer general cost estimates. HCFC is continuing to conduct market research and analyze alternative solutions.

Other Council Business

Ms. Puddefoot stated that Council staff are committed to working in partnership with state departments represented on the Council to identify opportunities to address homelessness in fire-affected regions. In addition, Council staff have been actively engaging with CoCs in these communities to ensure their applications for HEAP funding were expedited and the funds were made available quickly.

Ms. Puddefoot reported that representatives from the Department of Education, the Community Colleges Chancellor's Office, and the Workforce Development Board have joined the Interagency working group.

The Council has also provided information on how to volunteer to participate in the Sacramento January 2019 Point-in-Time (PIT) count to members of the Interagency working group to share their respective departments.

Finally, two new staff members from BCSH are working with the Council: Andrew March, a graduate student assistant who is primarily working on the CHDIS project, and Minerva Jimenez, an Executive Fellow who is primarily working on supporting the Continuums of Care.

There were no public comments.

V. Departmental Updates

California Department of Veteran Affairs (CalVet)

- Veterans Housing and Homelessness Program (VHHP):
 - For 2018 Round 4 of funding, the goal was to distribute \$75 million in funds for homeless veteran housing projects. CalVet has made 15 supportive housing project awards.
 - As of January 10, 2019, 12 projects are in the process of leasing for a total of 347 units to veterans and their families. Many of the leases will be available for veterans experiencing homelessness.

Housing and Community Development (HCD)

- No Place Like Home (NPLH) provides loans to counties to acquire, build, rehabilitate, permanent supportive housing for people experiencing homelessness, or who are at risk of homelessness, and who are in need of mental health services. A Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for \$190 million in non-competitive funds has been released. Applications are due by February 15, 2021.
- California Homeless Emergency Solutions and Housing (CESH) program provides funding to CoCs for housing relocation and stabilization services, operating subsidies for permanent housing, flexible housing subsidies, shelter operations, and capacity building. In August, HCD released the first NOFA and awarded the first round of funds. HCD anticipates releasing a second notice of funding availability in Spring 2019.

California Housing and Finance Agency

- The Special Needs Project is winding down but is still active. There are 55 projects in the pipeline for application and development. They comprise 1,401 units of proposed special needs housing.

California Department of Social Services

- The Home Safe program was appropriated \$15 million General Fund (one-time) with dollar-for-dollar match requirement for a total of \$30 million to fund the new program over a 3-year period. 36 counties applied for Home Safe Funding making the total request amount to \$64,179,792.
- The CalWORKs Housing Support Program has successfully housed more than 1,897 families.
- The CalWORKs Homeless Assistance Program has increased its daily amount of Temporary Homeless Assistance (THA) shelter payments from \$65 to \$85 per day to provide families up to 16 days of temporary shelter.
- Bringing Families Home has successfully housed more than 440 families in the child welfare system in the program as of November 2018.

California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (CalOES)

- Current CalOES programs provide services to the following populations: victims of domestic violence, homeless and exploited youth, and unserved or underserved populations (i.e. Native Americans, LGBTQ)
- Partnered up with Blue Shield Foundation to fund two evaluations of the "Domestic Violence Housing First Pilot Program"

California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR)

- Actively working to ensure that CDCR's programs are in compliance with the Housing First mandates.
- CDCR is working to prioritize housing for people with complex behavioral concerns.
- The department is currently developing guidelines for a Request for Proposal (RFP) for those struggling with homelessness upon reentry.

There were no public comments.

VI. Review and Discussion of proposed Council 2019 Action Plan

Ginny Puddefoot, Executive Officer of the Council, provided a summary of the Council's proposed 2019 Action Plan.

Kim Lewis from the California Coalition for Youth suggested the Council research best practices for youth and consider pregnant and parenting youth in the picture of family homelessness. California Coalition for Youth has also offered themselves as a resource for the Council.

VII. Upcoming Point-in-Time (PIT Count)

Ben Avey, Chief Public Affairs Officer of Sacramento Steps Forward and Dr. Arturo Baiocchi from Sacramento State Institute for Social Research presented a presentation on Sacramento's upcoming Point-in-Time (PIT) Count.

There were no public comments.

VIII. Draft Criteria for Housing First Requirements

Ginny Puddefoot, Executive Officer for the Council, presented the draft Criteria for the Housing First requirements.

Sharon Rapport from the Corporation for Supportive Housing stated that Housing First is intended to apply to contractors and grantees and stated that programs should not be excluded because of one-time funds. She stated that all program components should comply with Housing First.

The Council voted to keep this item open until the next Council meeting.

IX. Update on review and adoption of Department of Health Care Services' (DHCS) Housing First assessment and recommendations regarding the application of the Housing First to DHCS programs

At the [April 10, 2018 Council meeting](#), members adopted the Housing First Checklist to be used by state agencies and departments to assess their homelessness-related programs and make recommendations on any changes required to bring their programs into alignment with Housing First [statute](#).

At the [October 9, 2018 Council meeting](#), Brian Hansen from DHCS presented the [DHCS Housing First assessment](#) and recommendations for changes to bring DHCS programs into compliance. There several questions from Council members and the item was left open until this Council meeting.

Brian presented the assessments and recommendations for the following DHCS programs: Homeless Mentally III, Whole Person Care, and Mental Health Services Act.

The Council voted to adopt the recommendations.

There were no public comments.

X. Other matters not on the agenda for consideration at future meetings

Councilmember Welch suggested a presentation or panel about different housing models at a future Council meeting.

XI. Public comments not on the agenda

There were public comments from the following individuals:

- Trelynd B Bowles, a public member, shared his personal story and his appreciation for the Council's work.

XII. Adjournment

The meeting is adjourned at 4:01pm.